

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A communication subscriber device, comprising:

a subscriber basic unit; and

an audio/speaking unit, detachably interengageable with said subscriber basic unit, that provides audio and speaking functionality for said subscriber basic unit, wherein said subscriber basic unit comprises a charging station for said audio/speaking unit.
2. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein a short-range wireless link allows communication between said subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit.
3. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit comprises an energy supply unit.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit have complementary interfaces for electrically connecting said subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit together.
6. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a single unit.

7. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit has only one microphone and one loudspeaker.

8. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a selected one of:

a hands-free kit, and

a headset.

9. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit is rigid.

10. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said communication subscriber device is a mobile telephone.

11. (Currently amended) An audio/speaking unit, comprising:
a mechanical interface configured to allow said audio/speaking unit to be detachably interengageable with a subscriber basic unit;
an electrical interface configured to communicate with said subscriber basic unit; and
a microphone and a loudspeaker coupled to said electrical interface and configured to provide audio and speaking functionality for said subscriber basic unit, wherein said subscriber basic unit comprises a charging station for said audio/speaking unit.

12. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said electrical

interface comprises a short-range wireless link that allows communication between said subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit.

13. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said audio/speaking unit comprises an energy supply unit.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a single unit.

16. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said audio/speaking unit has only one microphone and one loudspeaker.

17. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a selected one of:
a hands-free kit, and
a headset.

18. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said audio/speaking unit is rigid.

19. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said communication subscriber device is a mobile telephone.